

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. Interview of April 13, 2010

The applicants are appreciative of the opportunity to discuss the pending application with the examiner during the telephone interview conducted on April 13, 2010.

During the interview, applicant's representative noted that support for the amendments to claims 1 and 13, filed October 30, 2009, could be found at least in line 7 of paragraph [0010] of the accompanying description in the specification as originally filed.

The examiner agreed that the amendments to claims do find support in the specification as originally filed, and that the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph would be withdrawn in response to a request for reconsideration.

Accordingly, this request for reconsideration is timely filed.

2. Rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph

Reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested on the basis that the amendments to claims 1 and 13 filed October 30, 2009 find support at least in line 7 of paragraph [0010] of the accompanying description in the specification as originally filed.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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3. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

Please charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayments in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-0200.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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